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Sent: Wed 3/30/2016 2:55:24 PM
Subject: RE: Inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Thanks to all 3 of you for your quick responses! I incorporated changes, without adding another document. The staff member, who covers a number of areas, said that he is not particularly familiar with grants, so we can send more information later, as needed.--Cindy

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Cindy, you did a great job boiling things down to the most critical initial information. I have a few suggested edits – see below. I think it would be good to re-include the NWIFC application because it includes NWIFC's actual approved plan for how they would spend the funds.

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Bill and Lisa, this is about the initial level of complexity that I would suggest. On a phone call, lead organizations, subawards, etc. can be discussed. I'll look for your responses when I arrive early tomorrow.--Cindy

Hello Andrew,

This is in response to your inquiry about the “whatsupstream” website.

The website was established by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (SITC) under a subaward made under an EPA assistance cooperative agreement to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC). The website was one element of SITC’s “Non-Point Pollution Public Information and Education Initiative,” which is a 5-year project with a total budget of \$655,529. The project also includes ~~project~~ planning, management, local coordination and partnering; conducting research regarding public attitudes and support relating to water and habitat quality; measuring effectiveness of educational efforts; conducting focus groups to refine understanding of general public’s knowledge of these issues; and conducting public education and outreach based on the previous elements.

The notice of award setting up and establishing terms and conditions for the assistance agreement to NWIFC is the first document attached above[I WOULD PUT THE PREVIOUS SENTENCE LAST IN THIS PARAGRAPH. THE RFP WAS WHAT LAID OUT OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE LEAD ORGANIZATION; AND THE AWARD DOCUMENT WAS THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE RFP AND COMPETITION PROCESS]. The request for proposals, the second document attached above, provides expectations and guidelines on how the money can be spent, including eligible activities. NWIFC’s application (especially pp. 20-33 of attached PDF), describes NWIFC’s original approved plan for spending the funds.

We would like to offer a call to provide more information.